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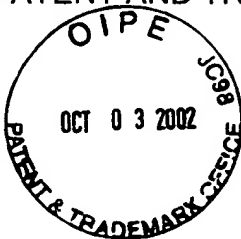
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As suggested by 37 C.F.R. 1.97, the undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449, a copy of each of which is enclosed. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists, or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

The present application is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/373,224, filed August 12, 1999, now abandoned. All of the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are in the English language. Except for U.S. Patent No. 4,771,780 to *Sholder*, all of the references were either submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the parent '224 application or cited by the Examiner in the parent '224 application.

In accordance with the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the parent '224 application, the Examiner's attention is also directed to applications Serial No. 09/133,319, filed August 13, 1998 (Atty. Ref: 2333-12), now U.S. Patent No.

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6,210,347, Serial No. 09/133,320, filed August 13, 1998 (Atty Ref: 2333-11), now U.S. Patent No. 6,067,991, and Serial No. 09/133,322, filed August 13, 1998 (Atty Ref: 2333-13), which will issue as U.S. Patent No. 6,460,543 on October 8, 2002, and the art of record therein.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

While it is believed that no fee is due at this time to file this Information Disclosure Statement, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith to the deposit account of Nixon & Vanderhye, Account No. 14-1140.

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